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New Peasants

More than 500,000 agricultural workers and landless peasants have received over 1.2 million hectares of land as the result of the land reform. Since the initiation of the construction program for new peasants in November 1946, 66,000 additional houses, 72,300 stables, and 38,400 barns have been built, and 22,000 additional buildings were to be completed by the end of 1951.(5)

During 1951, the GDR (German Democratic Republic) spent 200 million Deutsche Marks on its new-peasant program. Among other things, the new peasants received 500,000 tons of seed potatoes and 150,000 tons of seed grain.(6)

More than 8,000 new peasants left their farms during 1951. About 6,000 farmers left the GDR. Many farms are now unoccupied and will be incorporated into "community property."(7)

Planting, Forestation

In Thuringen, forestation of 10,000 hectares, or 95 percent of the 1951 plan, was completed by September 1951. In addition, 32 million deciduous seedlings were planted on 500 hectares of thinned-out stands.(8)

As of 12 April 1952, 64 percent of the grain and legumes had been sown, as follows: summer wheat and rye, 78.6 percent; barley, 61.6 percent; oats, 69.8 percent; legumes, 57.3 percent.(9)

Pig Raising

In Sachsen-Anhalt, 8,300 pig sties for breeding 47,000 pigs were constructed during 1951.(10)

A decree was issued in October 1951 stating that all pig breeders must report each new litter within a week after its arrival. Any sucklings not required for breeding will be disposed of at the discretion of the BHG (Peasants Trade Cooperative).(11)

MAS, Fodder Consumption

The number of MAS (Machine-lending stations) in Sachsen-Anhalt increased from 152 in 1949 to 173 at the end of 1951. During the same period, the MAS machine pool increased on an average of 50 percent.(12)

According to statistics issued by the MAS to prove to farmers that it is cheaper for them to use MAS machines instead of farm animals, the following amounts of fodder are used daily by each work horse and ox (in kilograms):

	<u>Hay and/or Chaff</u>		<u>Oats</u>		<u>Fodder Beets</u>		<u>Grass</u>		<u>Other</u>
	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Ox</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Ox</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Ox</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Ox</u>	
1 Jan-15 Mar	8.0	9.0							
16 Mar-1 Jun	10.0	10.0	2.5		5.0	30.0			1.5
2 Jun-1 Aug	2.5	5.0	5.0			30.0			
2 Aug-1 Oct	2.0	5.0	4.0				30.0	60.0	1.0
2 Oct-1 Dec	6.5	8.0	5.0		2.5	50.0 (beet leaves)	30.0	50.0	3.5
2 Dec-31 Dec	7.5	6.0	2.5		5.0	30.0			1.0
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